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MISSION

U.S. Army Garrison provides and maintains the installation infrastructure to:

- support power projection and training of III Corps units/soldiers;
- provide a quality living and working environment for soldiers, families, retirees, and authorized civilians;
- sustain an effective partnership with our surrounding communities;
- and support the III Corps / Fort Hood transformation process.

VISION

The Army's model power projection platform, training installation, and community. A great place to train, work, and live.

Give Blood!!

ROBERTSON BLOOD CENTER

**Bldg 2250, 761st Tank Bn Ave
(across from 1CD museum)**

MON-THU: 0730-1130 & 1300-1530

FRI: 0730-1200

Questions – 285-5808

JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW - - *Defense Travel System (DTS) and Unused Tickets*

Unused electronic or paper tickets have a monetary value and belong to the US Government. All unused tickets must be reported and returned to the Commercial Travel Office as soon as possible for applicable credit. If you need further clarification or have questions about this policy, please contact your Transportation Officer or your Authorizing Official. (Garr RM)

Hood Howdy Newcomers Information Fair

**Fort Hood Officer Club, 13 August
2004, 1100 – 1500**

Agencies and sponsors provide information about Fort Hood and Central Texas, Military Spouse Mini Job Fair, entertainment, door prizes and free food tasting.

For information, please call 287-4471. (DMWR)

HOOD HERO Recognizes Fort Hood Outstanding Teams and Individuals

COL William Parry,
Garrison Commander, and CSM

Thomas McMurtrie, Garrison Command Sergeant Major, will present awards at the 12 Aug Hood Hero Awards Luncheon to individuals and teams who have shown exemplary performance.

The awards luncheon is 1130-1300 at the Fort Hood Officers' Club. Tickets are available through 6 Aug at Bldg 1001 Rm W321, Garrison Operations Office.

The following Hood Heroes will be recognized: Customer Service Excellence, Individual - **Regina Long**, DOIM; Individual Quality - **Douglas Mitchell**, DAO; Customer Service Excellence, Team - **Freight Documentation Team**, DOL; Team of Excellence - **Training Support Center Video Teleconferencing Team**, DPTS; Police Officers of the Quarter - **SPC Peter Bushacker** and **PFC Alfred Cateon, Jr.**, PMO; Retention Excellence - **2d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division**; Civilian Firefighter of the Quarter - **Chad Wessels**, DPW; Military Firefighter of the Quarter - **SGT Chylciale M. Washington**, DPW; Civilian Employees of the Quarter - **Eva Eutsey**-DOL, **Sammie Davis**-DOL, **Patricia Aaron**-DPW; Military Air Traffic Controller of the Quarter - **SSG Tony Sunekaer**, DAO; Civilian Air Traffic Controller of the Quarter - **Christine Sedonic**, DAO; Volunteer of the Quarter - **Phyllis Bishop**; Youth Volunteer of the Quarter - **Emily Parry**; Safety - **William Cox**, 2d Bde 4ID; 30 Years Civilian Length of Service - **Nolia Lanza**, 13th

COSCOM; Education Soldier of the Quarter - **SGT Christopher Witter**, HQ, 4003d GSU; Education Unit of the Quarter - **Freeman/Lynch Dining Facility**; Garrison Cost Warriors - **Regina Long**-DOIM; **Darla Davis**-DOIM; **Robin Riggs**-PMO, **Tracy Ramthum**-PMO; **Michelle Lenis**-DPW; **Carol Anderson**-DPW; **John Prukop**-DOL; **Ray Hibbs**-DOL; **John Cox**-DOL; **CW5 Ron Gerner**-DAO; **James Stacey**-DAO; **Chris Crismale**-DPTS; **Joan Boykin**-DMWR; **Karen Bradshaw**-DMWR; **Barbara Newberry**-DMWR; **SSG Greta S. Gautreaux**, Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter; **SPC Nadejda E. Vorobyeva**, Soldier of the Quarter.

Army Family Action Plan

Fort Hood's Army Community Service Lane Volunteer Center is busy preparing for the Annual Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference, 6-7 October, at the Comanche Chapel. Although Army spouses are the founders of the conference, AFAP is dependent upon all members of the Army, past and present, and their families, to challenge Army leaders with issues that affect the quality of life for the Global Army Family.

A few examples of past AFAP successes include Army Family Team Building and the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers programs, Family Separation Allowance increase, informational and interactive web sites that have been established to address retirement

information and planning, employment opportunities and application, and enlisted soldier assignments. Fort Hood's Installation AFAP Manager, Beth Blevins, is determined to make the 2004 conference a resounding success in spite of significant deployments throughout the community. She needs your input, assistance, and support.

Army leadership has already responded positively to many of the issues raised by AFAP delegates (Soldiers, retirees, Department of the Army civilians, and family members of active, reserve, retired, and deceased Soldiers).

During the conference, delegates are assigned as members of work groups that brainstorm issues of concern and possible solutions. Training is provided at the Lane Volunteer Center.

What well-being concern will you voice this year? It's easy! Give your issue a name. Then tell what the problem is and whom it affects. Finally, give one to three recommendations you believe will resolve the problem. Drop it off in one of the bins located at the library, Copeland Soldier Service Center, Fort Hood Shoppettes, Warrior Way PX, Clear Creek PX, Troop Malls, III Corps HQ Building, or at the Lane Volunteer Center.

Ready to volunteer or still have questions? Call the AFAP line at 287-AFAP (2723) or 286-6600. We want your word to be heard! (DMWR)

Productivity Improvement Reviews

Productivity Improvement Reviews (PIR) were initiated at Fort Hood in the first quarter of FY04. Those previous reviews have been so successful that the Garrison Commander has added the "Garrison Cost Warrior" award to the Hood Hero Awards Luncheon. The Garrison Cost Warrior Award will be presented to individuals who contributed to Fort Hood's Productivity Improvement efforts by presenting a Productivity Improvement Initiative at the Garrison Commander's Quarterly Productivity Improvement Review.

The 3rd quarter reviews were held during the period 29 June through 27 July 2004. Fifteen employees from the DOL, DPW, DOIM, PMO (DES),

DPTS, DAO, and DMWR presented fourteen initiatives to the Garrison Commander for the 3rd Quarter and will be the first to receive the award. Those initiatives provide a cost benefit of \$2.3 Million. The employees to be recognized are:

- **Ms. Regina Long**, DOIM; - **Ms. Darla Davis**, DOIM; - **Mr. Tracy Ramthum**, PMO; - **Mr. Robin Riggs**, PMO; - **Ms. Michelle Lenis**, DPW; - **Ms. Carol Anderson**, DPW; - **Mr. John Prukop**, DOL; - **Mr. Ray Hibbs**, DOL; - **Mr. John Cox**, DOL; - **CW5 Ronald Gerner**, DAO; - **Mr. James Stacey**, DAO; - **Ms. Joan Boykin**, DMWR; - **Ms. Karen Bradshaw**, DMWR; - **Ms. Barbara Newberry**, DMWR; **Ms. Cris Crismale**, DPTS. (PAIO)

Army Family Team Building - - Help Us Help Others...

It is time to train our volunteers to become AFTB Instructors. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help others seeking more information about The Army, The Army way of life, community resources, becoming a leader in the community, and improving their interpersonal skills. Army Family Team Building Instructors are taught all the information they will need to speak in front of groups and work with interactive students. All instructors will be given all the materials needed for instruction to include lesson plans.

A mentorship program is in place for new instructors to feel comfortable in the program. Be part of the helping hand that is extended to family members new to The Army, sign up to be an AFTB Instructor. Call 287-2327 or 286-6600 for all reservations.

If you are interested in a rewarding volunteer opportunity that can enhance your resume please call our office. The Instructor Training Course (ITC) is going to be held 8-12 August from 1700-2100 at the Lane Volunteer Center located in Bldg 16005 at Hood Road and Old Ironsides Avenue. (DMWR)

Unit Sponsorship/ Sponsor-A-Spouse

Are you just arriving and don't know where to go to get answers? Let Relocation Readiness be your sponsor!

Contact Rovener Adams at 287-4485, or George Butry, 287-8422 or via email rovener.adams@hood.army.mil or george.butry@hood.army.mil for more information. (DMWR)

Make a Difference Day

It's time to start thinking about Make a Difference Day, the "National Day of Doing Good." Make a Difference Day is the 23rd of October and we would like you to participate. If you have a project that you would like to have adopted or are interested in adopting a project, come by and find out how to get started.

All workshops are held at the Lane Volunteer Center. Please call 286-5913 for workshop schedules and to register. (DMWR)

Mobilization and Deployment

Contact the Lane Volunteer Center for information and scheduled workshops in Family Readiness Group (FRG) Focus Group, FRG Certification Courses, Rear Detachment Courses, and FRG Advance Leadership Certification courses.

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (FAP) VICTIM ADVOCATE 24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE

The Fort Hood Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Victim Advocate Program (FAVAP) provides a 24-hour crisis line (254-702-4953), 24 hours a day, seven days a week, managed by trained staff. The Hotline provides crisis counseling and crisis intervention services to military families who have been affected by domestic violence or who are seeking general information reference a relationship or family related crisis situation. Callers are provided information and referrals to appropriate military and community resources. Referrals include information about shelters, legal advocacy, awareness education, support groups, and counseling. The overall goal of this service is to provide advocacy after normal business hours to clients in working through a crisis. (DMWR)

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